



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2006-10-0287 and 2006-11-0335

January 16, 2008

STATE EMPLOYEE BARRED FROM EMPLOYMENT

Inspector General David O. Thomas and Staff Attorney Amanda Schaeffer report as follows:

The purpose of this report is to document further action on this case by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the State Ethics Commission (SEC).

This case was originally investigated by the OIG and submitted to the county prosecuting attorney, resulting in the filing of criminal charges. This state employee used state equipment in committing identity theft against the victim.

In addition to this criminal charging, the OIG filed an ethics complaint with the SEC against the Respondent.¹ This is one of the benefits of Indiana's Inspector General system which grants the same agency the multiple jurisdiction of addressing criminal, ethics and efficiency matters.

The respondent subsequently admitted to the ethics complaint filed by the OIG and at the request of the OIG the SEC issued a penalty to the respondent which included a decree barring the respondent from further state employment.

With criminal charges filed and an SEC decree which includes a

¹ The name of the respondent is redacted to prevent further victimization of the victim in this investigation.

permanent bar from state employment, this case is accordingly closed.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David O. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

David O. Thomas, Inspector General